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Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 49th and 58th meetings, on 10 May and 27 June 2007. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/61/SR.49 and 58).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 (A/61/670) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/61/852/Add.2).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.59

4. At its 58th meeting, on 27 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor" (A/C.5/61/L.59), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Guatemala.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.59 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1272 (1999) of 25 October 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Transitional Administration, the last of which was resolution 1392 (2002) of 31 January 2002, by which the mandate was extended until 20 May 2002,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1410 (2002) of 17 May 2002, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor as of 20 May 2002 for an initial period of twelve months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the last of which was resolution 1573 (2004) of 16 November 2004, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission for a final period of six months until 20 May 2005,

Recalling further its resolution 54/246 A of 23 December 1999 on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and its subsequent resolutions on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor, the latest of which was resolution 60/271 of 30 June 2006,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission and to the Trust Fund for the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor as at 31 March 2007, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 25.4 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only one hundred and twenty-three Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every

[1] A/61/670.

[2] A/61/852/Add.2.

possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Transitional Administration and the Mission in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

8. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006;[1]

9. *Decides* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission shall be credited with their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 31,835,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2006, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2006, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

10. *Encourages* Member States that are owed credits referred to in paragraph 9 above to apply those credits to any accounts where the Member State concerned has outstanding assessed contributions;

11. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 31,835,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2006, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 9 above;

12. *Also decides* that the increase of 4,800 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2006 shall be added to the credits from the amount of 31,835,900 dollars referred to in paragraphs 9 and 11 above;

13. *Further decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor".